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"Let there be no doubt about it," said Mr. Ramsay MacDonald acknowledging the presentation of an illuminated address at Port Talbot.

"The experts' report is an opportunity for a peace settlement which if not taken advantage of by European statesmen will be one of the most golden opportunities ever neglected and lost."

Mr. MacDonald declared the last thing he wanted was France to be isolated. He wanted M. Poincaré to know that so far as her security was concerned France has not a better friend than Britain.

Mr. MacDonald said he was profoundly convinced the experts' reports, after four years' experience, would make both France and ourselves see the need for common friendship. Both must work with Italy, Belgium and the small nationalities in offering Germany a real chance to make a pledge and keep it. Only in that open and friendly allied way could we open the new door of peace, happiness and international co-operation.—Reuter.

#### ANOTHER TRIBUTE.

PARIS, April 28.

Both sides express complete satisfaction and perfect identity of views prevails following a meeting, lasting over three hours, of the four French and Belgian principals and the heads of all the French departments concerned in the experts' report which it is understood was discussed in all its aspects.—Reuter.

(M.M. Theunis and Hymans have arrived at Paris, and have conferred with M. Poincaré at the Quai d'Orsay.) They emphasized that the conversations do not constitute a formal conference, being merely an exchange of views, prior to their visit to London. They stated that Belgium thus marks her solidarity with France, though she cannot be expected to neglect her own interests. They denied that the object of their Paris visit is to mediate between France and Britain.]

#### RIGID DEMANDS.

PARIS, April 29.

It is understood in French diplomatic circles that M. Poincaré, M. Theunis and M. Hymans have agreed (1) rigidly to insist that Germany put the experts' plan into operation before the present control measures in the Ruhr and the Rhineland can be withdrawn; (2) that the re-establishment of the economic and fiscal unity of Germany does not necessarily involve the automatic cessation of the military occupation of the Ruhr, and (3) the railway communications of the occupation troops must be safeguarded and must not be dependent on German railwaymen.—Reuter.

#### FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

STEAMER PRACTICALLY FLOODED.

LONDON, April 28.

A message from Adelaide states that the fire in the "City of Singapore" is now under control. The vessel is hard aground.

From the engine room, aft the depth of water is equal inside and out.

The plating has been damaged and there is fear of a constructive total loss, but the vessel will be examined when the fire is extinguished.—Reuter.

#### GOLF IN AMERICA.

HAVERS DEFEATS SARAZEN.

New York, April 28.

In a seventy-two hole match, the British open champion Havers defeated Sarazen by five up and four to play.—Reuter's American Service.

#### A BAD RECORD.

ANOTHER INDIAN GUARD JAILED.

At the Marine Court this morning Galum Ali, an Indian guard, of the s.s. "Kangshew," was charged with absconding himself from his ship without leave on April 24.

Inspector Shannon said that defendant reported to him at 10.45 a.m. on the 24th. He said it was just his luck and that he had missed two other ships within the last two months and had been dealt with departmentally as the ships were under the Chinese flag.

Defendant told the Court that he went ashore at noon on the 23rd and was due back at midnight. As he could only get a sampans then for \$8 and could not afford this he waited till morning and then found the ship had sailed.

Questioned by Lt. Commander Conway Hake, Inspector Shannon said the man's record was bad. Sentence: three months' hard labour was passed.

#### NIGHT OF BATTLE.

FURTHER HONDURAS FIGHTING.

WASHINGTON, April 28.

After a battle lasting all night the revolutionaries entered Tegucigalpa. Hard fighting continues in the streets.—Reuter's American Service.

#### OUT ON PAROLE.

MUNICH, April 28.

A number of participants in the famous Hitler November rising, sentenced to between fifteen and eighteen months' detention in a fortress, have all been released on parole.—Reuter.

#### \$900 CLAIM.

DISPUTE OVER ALLEGED CONTRACT.

Ho Ching, a glass dealer, of 40, Lower Macao Row, sued the Ding Tai firm, 363, Queen's Road Central at the Supreme Court this morning for \$900 damages for failure to deliver 250 cases, part of a consignment of 500 cases purchased by the defendants and plaintiff from Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. The claim was for the difference between the contract price, \$8.40 per case and the price plaintiff had agreed to sell the cases to the Cheong On firm (\$10.60) and for \$375 which was claimed as damages.

Mr. E. C. Brooks was for the plaintiff and Mr. D. MacCallum for the defendant.

Mr. Brooks said that plaintiff agreed to take delivery of half of a consignment of 500 cases from Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. and contracted to sell the cases to the Cheong On firm. Defendants did not make delivery.

Mr. MacCallum's defence was that the money for the cases had never been tendered. Acting Chief Justice H.E.J. Gompertz reserved judgment.

### PACIFIC DEFENCE.

#### NEW ZEALAND'S VIEWS.

#### THE SINGAPORE BASE.

(Reuter's Service.)

WELLINGTON, April 28.

Speaking at the State luncheon in connection with the visit of the Empire Squadron, the Premier, Mr. Massey, stated that the last had not been heard of the Singapore scheme.

The dominions must stand to their responsibilities.

He hoped if the scheme were not proceeded with that the Admiralty would ask New Zealand to maintain another cruiser in the Pacific.—Reuter.

#### OVER 100 LOST?

#### TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.

RESCUE WORK IMPOSSIBLE.

WHEELING (VIRGINIA), April 28.

It is feared there is little hope of rescuing over a hundred miners entombed in a burning mine following an explosion which rocked the surrounding districts.

Smoke is pouring out of the entries and preventing rescue work. Up to the present two men have been recovered from the air shaft. They were badly burnt and both succumbed.—Reuter's American Service.

#### CRISIS IN STORE?

#### LABOUR BUDGET DIFFERENCES.

THE MCKENNA DUTIES.

LONDON, April 28.

Mr. MacDonald is cancelling some of his Welsh engagements in order to preside over the Budget meeting of to-morrow morning, differences having apparently arisen on the subject of the McKenna duties.

There are strong Liberal and Labour demands for the entire abolition but it is now thought they may only be reduced. A crisis over the matter is predicted in some quarters.—Reuter.

#### WORLD AVIATION.

KARACHI, April 28.

The French aviator Doisy descended at Bushire to deliver an official letter to the French Air Mission. He again ascended and has now reached Bunder-abbas.—Reuter.

(M. Doisy, accompanied by Sergeant Vesin, is flying from Breque aerodrome, to French Indo-China, for instructional work. He hopes to arrive at his destination in eight days. The machine is not amphibian, but the Frenchmen intend to keep close to the coastline, taking the risk of a forced landing on the coast between Barsa and Karachi. The Portuguese aeroplane, bound from Lisboa for Macao, has arrived at Bagdad.]

#### BOXING IN EUROPE.

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BERNE, April 28.

In a twenty-round contest for the light-heavy weight championship of Europe, Clement, the Swiss champion, beat Bonnal, the French champion on points.—Reuter's General Service.

#### RECORD YEAR.

CANADA'S INCREASING IMMIGRATION.

OTTAWA, April 28.

Immigrants into Canada during the past year numbered 150,000, a record since before the war. There were 78,000 the preceding year.—Reuter's American Service.

#### THE STOWAWAY.

SENT TO JAIL FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Albert Elmer, the American who was charged with stowing away on the s.s. "Theusens" from Singapore re-appeared this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy on remand.

Yesterday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton advised him to see the American Consul to see whether or not he could obtain work or be sent home.

Elmer told the Magistrate this morning that he could not. Mr. Hamilton therefore ordered him to pay the cost of his stowing away and then go to jail for seven days with hard labour. After that he would be sent to the House of Detention to await an opportunity of getting work or being sent home.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &amp; MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTYSEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th April, 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 24th April 1924 until Wednesday the 30th April 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1924.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTYTHIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Potters' Street, Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 6th May 1924 at 11 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th April to 20th May both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1924.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 16th May 1924, at 3 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1923, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be closed from May 2nd to May 16th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th April 1924.

## BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 16th May, 1924, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1923, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from May 2nd to May 16th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th April 1924.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 18th May, 1924, at 12.20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1923, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from May 2nd to May 16th, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 26th April 1924.

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## NOTICE

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The said shares are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

Messrs. ELLIS & CO.  
Hongkong, 9th April, 1924.

## NOTICE.

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China Building,  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1924.

## THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the Company will be held at 3.00 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 2nd floor, China Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of May, 1924.

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## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

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Hull boiler-makers and ship painters, on strike for a fortnight, decided at a mass meeting to resume work as a wage increase of 1s. a day is offered.

A film to acquaint the public with the processes of beet sugar manufacture in England will be released and is to be shown in more than 1,000 cinemas.

Mr. Alfred Ponting Copper, a Froxfield (Hampshire) farmer, has died from injuries due to a fall while hunting with the Hambledon Hounds.

Through the tape of a flannel safety belt becoming wound round his neck, John Beattie, aged two, was found dead in his cot at Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool.

Five shillings a day, instead of 6s., is to be the maximum gratuity to men of the Territorial Army to compensate for disability incurred in future in the performance of military duty.

Burglars attempted to blow open the safe of the South Shields Football Club. An overcoat and an office jacket used to deaden the noise were blown to tatters, but nothing was missing as the takings had been banked.

Several Dickens first editions were sold at Sotheby's. "Great Expectations," in three volumes, fetched £90; "Sketches by Boz," with Cruikshank's illustrations, £88; and "A Tale of Two Cities," £64.

Canon Henry Russell Wilkins, formerly vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Clifton, Bristol, and since last December of St. Saviour's Church, Paddington, has died of pneumonia.

Because he was born in a leap year and married in a leap year, Mr. Roland Speed, a Gedgey Broadgate (Lincolnshire) farmer, frequently said he feared he would die in a leap year. He has now died, aged 87.

When five men were charged at West London Police Court with being concerned with another man, not in custody, in stealing a cheque for £57 from a letter-box in Mortimer-street, W., the police stated that observation had been kept because of numerous complaints of such thefts.

Since the widespread interest aroused by reference to the heroism of Mr. Ernest Harnack, the London X-rays operator who lost both hands through devotion to his work, it is understood that the Carnegie Hero Fund Committee are considering his case for a grant or annuity.

The bodies of Colonel William Falbe, Mr. Edward Moore, and Mrs. Constance Lane, the three victims of the train wreck near Lyons, were brought to London in a special railway coach. Mrs. Lane's husband is still in a critical condition, according to the French undertaker who brought the coffins.

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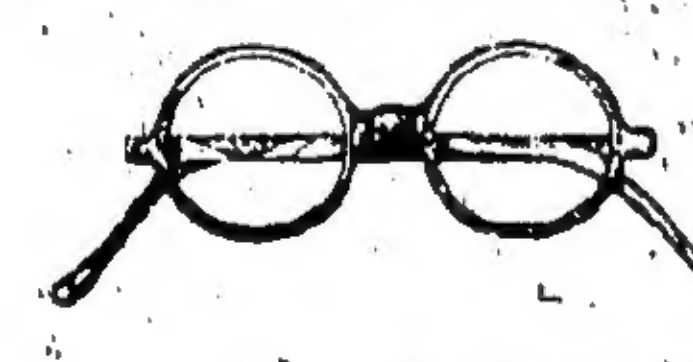
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#### BIRTHS.

**HAYES.**—On April 25, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton Hayes, a son.  
**MUMMERY.**—On April 23, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O. Mummery, a son.

#### DEATHS.

**THOMAS.**—On April 24, 1924, at Shanghai, Ada, wife of Austin Glyn Thomas.  
**WOOD.**—On April 24, 1924, suddenly, at Shanghai, James Edward, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wood, aged 5½ years.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1924

**HONGKONG AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.**

"Tis not the gift; 'tis the giver. But in the case of the British Institute of International Affairs it is the gift, which has been made to it that counts, and in which Hongkong as part of the British Empire Commonwealth is asked

of equally distinguished positions. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Premier as he then was, made it clear at the time he spoke that the British Institute of International Affairs was an endeavour to promote a wise understanding of our foreign relations, "and thus to help the British Empire in the ever-increasing part which it must take in maintaining the peace of the world." It was to encourage and facilitate the study of international questions, to promote the exchange of information and thought on international affairs, with a view to the creation of better informed opinion, and to publish or arrange for the publication of works with these objects. In the three and a half years of its existence the Institute has accomplished what its sponsors hoped it would do, a work which they wish to extend and solidify. Colonel Leonard, one of the givers, makes his and his wife's motives clear:

To us the British Empire is the greatest of human achievements. To serve it rightly is to serve mankind. But to serve it rightly the nations of which it is made up must learn to understand not only their relations to each other but also their relations with foreign countries as well. And it is just this which men and women from all parts of the Empire have undertaken to do since the first foundation of this Institute in Paris three years ago. They have set themselves a task of supreme importance.

It is this task of "supreme importance" which has prompted H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to become actively associated with the Institute, and along with others whose names are household words, to urge British people everywhere—Hongkong included—to give their assistance permanently to place this movement on a rock-sure foundation.

#### Tiffin.

St. George's Society has made a distinct move in initiating a tiffin movement which we trust will not remain at being held once a year, but will become a monthly affair. Other Societies might well copy the idea and where those who find it difficult to sustain interest amongst members in the work of the Society they represent in an official capacity, a monthly tiffin should help to solve the problem. Most people take tiffin, and even if a fairly large number proceed home to take it, they would, one day a month, make a point of either St. George's, St. Andrew's, or St. David's. It would serve as an excellent opportunity for individual members to return hospitality shown to them, whilst a ladies day occasionally would prove an irresistible attraction. If speeches were desired, they could doubtless be provided, more of a general character and upon some interesting phase of thought agitating the public mind. Business matters need not necessarily be absent from such speeches, for after all, the majority of the members of our Societies are in business, in some capacity or other, and are probably willing to listen to those who have something fresh or new to say upon its many problems. Such tiffins would partake of a Rotary flavour—they would assist the getting-together movement in a very real way, and do more than anything else to keep incessant that interest which is by no means a feature of any Society in Hongkong that can be mentioned.

#### Scottish Songs.

There is to visit Hongkong for a brief season an artist who has claims to attention beyond the mere fact that nature has evidently bestowed upon him a surpassingly fine bass voice. And as the Colony, in its amateur ranks, seems not to be possessed of any exponent of this form of singing, this fact may induce those who are wont to "honour" musical performances in the breach, to attend and do appreciation to one whom our local St. Andrew's Society, is to offer a welcome. We should perhaps be chary to belaud one whom we have yet to hear; but written testimony there is to prove that Mr. William Heughan is an artist entitled to every consideration of respect. Not merely as a singer, but as a singer of true songs. They are called traditional songs, and if some of them were

a little older in age than they are, they would be called Folk songs, than which there are none better to glimpse for us an age that is old yet ever new. Some of us are so fortunately placed that there is no need of the musician's setting to amplify the music of the written word. Very often poetry loses in this way, gaining only when the cultured or tempered voice emphasises, chants, or is in cadence with the poet's intentions. But it is not always so. The National Anthem and Rule Britannia, on the one hand, and such gems as Annie Laurie would probably be lost without the settings that presumably inspired men have given to them. So then it may be with some of the traditional Scottish songs that Mr. Heughan is to sing to us. A few are known to us who know not Scotland, yet know Burns and Scott and rightly claim them as our own. To renew acquaintance and to have made known to us some of the one hundred and eighty traditional Scottish songs in Mr. Heughan's repertoire, will be something to look forward to. And if we mistake not this will be the feeling of a host of others be they amongst the recognised number of music-lovers or not.

When a communication reaches the REVIEW, editorial sanction that a certain periodical has not been launched for commercial profit, and that the Editor's work is entirely honorary, a degree of interest is at once established. The editor of "The English Review" advises us of this fact, and solicits our aid, which we are glad to give, in making known the virtues of one of the oldest and one of the best English monthlies that we know.

It we mistake not Mr. Ford Heuffer was the editor of the Review when we first heard of it. That was in the days when such periodicals were priced at 2/6. Later Mr. Austin Harrison—worthy son of a worthy father—became editor; the price was reduced to 1/-, and the Review entered upon a new and invigorated life. Mr. Harrison's editorship of the journal was distinctive in that some of Massfield's earlier poetry—the narrative style—appeared in its pages. "The Widow in the Bye Street" occurs to mind in this respect. Mr. Harrison has vacated the editorial chair, although he contributes regularly to the Review. Mr. E. Remnant is now in charge, and the Review shows evidence of the change, in increased size, and a compelling list of contributors who deal with a vast variety of subjects of more than passing interest. No one who pretends to keep abreast of the times can afford to refuse reading any of the weeklies or monthlies published at home, which are a credit to those who publish and edit them. Those who desire to be well-informed and to weigh and ponder the best that is given by our thinkers and men of letters, can not do better than subscribe to a recognised weekly or monthly; and we know of none better than the English Review, that is safe and sound, which reflects English views and is an effective link of common thought and purpose with the scattered populations of British race overseas. Messrs. Kelly and Walsh will gladly supply those who desire to become subscribers.

Those who are interested in babies—who is not?—should take more than passing notice of what is described as "Empire's Bonniest Baby Competition" to be held at the British Empire Exhibition during the fourth week in July. The competition will be open to children under 5 years of age, born of British subjects throughout the British Empire, and there will be three classes of competitors:—  
(a) Those from 3 to 9 months of age;  
(b) Those from 9 months to 2 years of age;  
(c) Those between the ages of 2 years and 5 years.

Entrance is by means of a photograph, and the judges are to be doctors, artists, well-known women, interested in infant welfare work, and representatives of the Dominions. Those who take a natural pride in their children will doubtless be interested, and we shall be glad to supplement these necessarily brief particulars, with others, should any of our readers care to communicate with us.

A Ford is a cheap school's in sort of motor car made in Norway. An allegation of the existence of which has to be proved up to the hilt.

Recent wills include that of Mr. Frederick Stickley, of Twickenham, Katherine-road, who died in October, leaving estate of the gross value of £56. Mr. Stickley was Head Constable of St. Mary's, Isleworth, and Official A.L.E. to the Duke of Northumberland's Copyhold. In this capacity, he had power to enter a publichouse, call for beer, taste

it, and condemn it if it were not of good quality. What execution might follow judgment in such an event does not appear.

Lately recovered from flu—a dejected, pressed man wants a reversion to the methods of Orient potentates, of whom it has been said:—  
"Where'er the king was free from pain,  
He filled the doctor's private purse,  
But, ah, where'er the king grew worse,  
He emptied out the doctor's veins."  
He thinks there are points about a yearly account of this sort:—  
To refusing you one box of pills 5s. 6d.  
To finding temperature normal 5s. 6d.  
To pouring away 6 bottles tonic 30s. 6d.  
To advising you to keep fit 5s. 6d.  
To telling you you're all right 3s. 6d.

But why stop at the doctor? Under the Celestial system, the chemist would give a man all the simples and compounds he asked for, charging him only for those he never used. His bill would read, "To prescriptions burned," and so on. Under the scheme the Church would benefit, for collections would be made at the houses of all those who did not need to go to church. Similarly in sport and entertainment. Those who did not need either would contribute for the benefit of those who did. The office poet, who has just looked in, likes the scheme tremendously. "Why not," he suggests, "pay me for not writing poetry?"  
The man is a thinker.

There was an old woman of Hove,  
Whose husband fell into the stove;  
After trying in vain  
To collect him again,  
She persistently murmured  
'By Jove!'

Pat's daddy  
BAD ORGANISATION. Germany on business, returned unexpectedly just as Pat was getting into bed.  
"There," said Pat in disgust, "I've wasted my time. I've just asked God to keep you safe—and you are home all the time!"

To-day's Poem.  
("And You Shall Be My Lover!")  
"There never will be peace till Hope is dead,"  
A torn heart said,  
"Die, Hope, and plead no more, I cannot bear,  
Each time you fall defeated, this despair."

"But Hope replied: 'Without me none can live.  
I must creep back to you, torn Heart, forgive!  
I must creep back, and sleep, and then recover,  
And you, O Heart, torn Heart, shall be my lover.'"  
—Frances Cornford.

#### WEATHER CALENDAR.

**APRIL 29.**  
1827. The snow still profusely distributed, and the surface as our hair used to be in youth, after we had played at some active game—half black, half white, all in large patches.—Scott.

#### THE VALUE OF UNREST.

"I laugh at my friends who groan over our political and industrial unrest." "I say that if we had no unrest it would be necessary to create some. Happily we are not one of the lethargic races. Unrest is in our blood. Our day will be done when we attain to the theoretical Nirvana which some deluded idealists call rest."  
"In all forms of endeavour let us stir up unrest. Let us treat the man who worships rest as a national enemy. The truth is that rest is rust. There are rusting races. There are also rusting men. The dread of my mind is the day when I shall be ready to rest and rust. Rest not, rust not!"  
—James Douglas.

#### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 29.—Coronet Theatre; "Nomads of the North," and "The Scarecrow."  
April 29.—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Classical and Characteristic dances; also "The Home Stretch."  
April 29.—World Theatre; "Pure Girl."

April 28.—Last Concert of the season, the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.  
May 1.—Queen's Theatre; opening ceremony.  
May 3-7.—Theatre Royal, William Heughan, renowned Scottish Bass-Baritone in an amazing repertoire of songs.

#### SOCIAL.

May 17.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.  
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

#### SPORTS.

April 30.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament; final doubles.  
May 2.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament; final singles.  
May 3.—R.H.Y.C.'s closing cruise and ladies' day, 3 p.m.

#### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

May 3.—Lammert Bros., at H.K. Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hongkong, a quantity of miscellaneous gear, etc., 11 a.m.  
May 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, leasehold property, Victoria Road, near Villa Miramere, 3 p.m.  
June 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Rd., East, steam driven electric generating plant, 3 p.m.

#### COMPANY MEETINGS.

April 30.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.  
May 6.—Forty-third meeting of the I.C.S.N. Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.  
May 9.—Statutory meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at Company's Office, 2nd floor China Bldg., 3 p.m.  
May 16.—Fifty-first annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, noon.  
May 16.—Fifty-eighth ordinary meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, at Head Office, Union Building, 12.15 p.m.  
May 16.—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, 12.20 p.m.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Accidentally knocked over by a motor-car in Belcher Street yesterday, and earth-cooled sixty years of age, was slightly injured in the left leg. The car is stated to belong to the Mercury Garage.

The captain of the s.s. "Empress of Asia," arriving from Shanghai, reports the death of two steerage passengers from tuberculosis, one at Vancouver on March 31, and one at sea on April 25.

John Kahoe, a Hawaiian, was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in possession of prepared opium. It was stated that he was found with 685 taels of opium on board the s.s. "President Polk." The case was remanded for seven days.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League acknowledges the receipt of \$208.50 from the Quarry Bay A.D.C., being the proceeds of the successful production of "Ann" at the Talkoo Hall on February 29th last.

In an assault case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, in which Mr. A. E. Hall and Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the respective parties, Mr. Hall informed His Worship that the complainant was now in prison under the Debtors' Ordinance, he could not give evidence and the case would have to be dropped. His Worship acquiesced.

Little Miss Mura Shipoff and her brother Koka Shipoff continue to delight Kowloon folk with their clever dancing in the Star Theatre. To-night they give an entirely new programme and this will be supplemented by a new movie play called "The Home Stretch," a rollicking track romance featuring Douglas Maclean in a very happy role.

Acting on information the police arrested in a Shamshu tea-house on Friday night, a Chinese who claimed to be a native of Tam Shui, Waichow prefecture. Nothing incriminating was found on him but five bullet marks were seen on his thigh. He was lined up with others at an identification parade yesterday, in connection with the "Hydrangea" piracy by the skipper of the ship could not pick him out. The man is still detained.

Son of a Cheung Chau Island fisherman, a fourteen years old boy has returned to his parents after several months of captivity through being taken prisoner when the ferry-launch "Lee Fat" was pirated. He was released when the poverty of his family was established and he speaks of having acted as a domestic servant to the pirates in their den, for which he was given \$1 as passage money to return from Kongmoon to Hongkong.

#### THE LATEST MUSIC.

##### SOME CHOICE EXAMPLES.

(Special Review.)

"Pastels." Five Songs by London Ronald. A collection of tuneful and expressive songs which will doubtless add to the already high reputation of this composer. "Sing no more" and "Love is a Sickness" are particularly pleasing.

"An Outward Sail," by Maurice Besly. A little song in modern style, in which a frequently varying tempo (7/4, 5/4, 3/4 and 4/4) is used with clever effect. Must be sung 'rubato,' i.e. without over stress of the mechanical rhythm.

"When June is Come." Cecil Hazlehurst. A simple air with a cleverly written accompaniment.

"Well-a-day." From the Album "Four Pastors" by Easthope Martin.

Another delightful and original composition, of the kind that we come to expect from the pen of this talented composer. This lovely song should make a most popular item on the concert platform.

"None-so-Pretty." Duet from the "Song-Cycle 'A Farewell of Summer,'" by May H. Brahe. A very jolly and taking duet, in this clever composer's well-known style. The song-cycle is written for four voices and if it is up to the standard of this duet, it must be very good.

"The Daffodils" by Easthope Martin. This is the first of a series of five concert songs. The composer has evidently saturated himself with the spirit of Wordsworth's poem, and allowed free play to his musical fancy. The result is a marvellously fine song, somewhat difficult perhaps of execution, but eminently adapted to the purpose for which it was written.

"The Willow Song" from "English Ayres." This old English melody is here pleasantly harmonised and will give delight to all lovers of such music, and are they not many?

"The Valley of Memory" by Robert Coverley. A tuneful, effective song.

"The Rose that blossomed in Eden." Oriental Valse by R. Martinez Vallo.

A pretty piece, suitable for piano or small orchestra. It has a distinctly Spanish style of rhythm.

"The Musical Box" by Leff Poushnoff. A clever imitation on the piano of the musical instrument described by the title. The proper effect is of course only obtained by a particular method of execution and touch.

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#### MORRISON HALL.

ENJOYABLE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Warden and Students of Morrison Hall are to be congratulated on the success of their annual dinner, held in the Hotel on April 26. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In spite of bad weather and the difficulty of access, a large number of guests were present, including the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. W. W. Hornell), the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kewell, Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, Mrs. W. W. Poire and Gibson, the Rev. Father Lane, Capt. Thomas, and Warden and representative students of other Hotels. Mr. K. S. Chow, Chairman of Morrison Hall, proposed the toast of the guests. This was replied to by the Hon. Mr. Kewell, who, in a humorous speech, admired the cosmopolitan spirit of the Hostel, containing as it does English, Chinese, American, Japanese and Siamese, who, in spite of their differences in religion and race, live together like a happy family.

Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of the University, proposed the toast of Morrison Hall. He congratulated the residents on having the Rev. T. W. Poire as their Warden, and on the good work the Hostel has been doing in the lives of the students. He concluded by saying that he was very anxious to see the Hostel extended. This was replied to by Dr. Poire.

The musical items contributed by Dr. Poire, Capt. Thomas and the Misses Baga added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

#### Bronchial Coughs.

Bronchial coughs are not trilling. They are annoying if allowed to hang on and weaken the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is just what you ought to have for bronchial influences and in the grippe coughs. It contains no opiates and a pleasant taste of warm and comfort follows the first dose. Sold everywhere.



## WORLD FLIGHT.

## HONGKONG LANDING ARRANGEMENTS.

## WHAT MACLAREN WANTS.

## GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINS POSITION.

"I want to make it quite clear," said a Government Official to a *China Mail* representative who approached him this morning regarding the arrangements to be made for the arrival of Squadron Leader MacLaren, the British world airman, "that the Government is not remaining idle in the matter, but we are holding up our arrangements until we know what MacLaren wants. We heard in September that he would be coming but since then we have received no instructions. The arrangements for the Americans are further advanced because they have been discussed with the American Consul and an advance representative who has asked for and obtained information with regard to wireless, meteorological conditions etc. We would be only too pleased to do the same for MacLaren when he applies for it. Meanwhile we can settle nothing until we know what he wants done."

Asked if any arrangements had been made for the reservation of any part of the harbour for the landing the official replied that in all probability the landing would be near where the Americans intended to descend (between Stignacutiers and Laichikok) except that MacLaren would want to be nearer the A.P.C. kerosene tanks at the Tai Kok Tsui Installation from which the Amphibian would in all probability be fed. The necessary arrangements would then be made to prevent craft without permits from approaching. That area would be best for landing as it was a nice smooth part and could be kept clear of small craft.

Questioned as to the Government's attitude with regard to the suggestion made by the *China Mail* that local men who have had practical experience in flying should form themselves into a Committee to take whatever steps were necessary for MacLaren's comfort and safety, our informant replied that they considered it a good suggestion which would be acted upon if MacLaren wanted it adopted. He was only sorry that Squadron Leader Gordon, the representative of the Air Force, was not in the Colony.

With regard to the statement made in the *China Mail* by a local resident with extensive flying experience that he did not now if Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., who built the machine which MacLaren is flying, a Vickers-Vulture Amphibian, had any local representatives who possessed a knowledge of the flying boat and local conditions it appears that the Government are making enquiries and so far have not discovered any representatives at all in the Colony.

Another query made by the local flying expert resident was whether there was provision in the Colony for directional finding wireless telegraphy as this would prove of the utmost assistance to MacLaren should he get caught in a fog or arrive late. It appears that there is such provision at the Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station.

A representative of the A.P.C., approached by a *China Mail* reporter, said that they had all supplies ready and were awaiting instructions from the head office with whom they were in telegraphic communication. He considered the suggestion for the meeting together of local aviation experts a good one but it all depended on whether or not MacLaren wanted any such arrangement.

## ARMED ROBBERS.

## MERCHANT'S HOME RANSACKED.

Money and jewellery to the value of \$375 was stolen in an armed robbery at No. 92, Ma Leung Kong village, Shamsui district, the residence of U Shu-yin, a merchant, about 7.45 p.m. yesterday. Four men who carried between them a dagger and two revolvers, held up the household while a fifth kept watch outside. After binding and gagging the inmates with ropes and towels, the miscreants ransacked several boxes from which they extracted their loot.

## BILLIARDS.

Last night in the above Handicap at the Palace Hotel Mr. H. Blandin beat Mr. N. Ramsay -125. Mr. H. Blandin scoring 250 to Mr. N. Ramsay's 93 Highest Breaks for Mr. H. Blandin 33, 32, 21, 21, 16, 15. To-night Mr. C. Spry -125 meets Mr. H. D. Bennett -100.

## IMPUDENT THIEF.

## JAIL FOR STEALING \$500 RING.

## EXEMPLARY SENTENCE.

This morning the Chinese who, as reported in our "Stop Press" column yesterday, was arrested for stealing a gold and diamond ring valued at \$500 from Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. Jewellery department in Queen's Road, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Liddell.

In the charge-sheet, his name was entered as Wong Chu (28). After he had pleaded guilty, Inspector Robert Langan said that he was seen by Mr. S. Backett to take the ring from the window. He was chased by Mr. Backett and an assistant and was arrested in the doorway. Nothing else was known against him, and little could be ascertained as he was unwilling to give even his address.

Questioned by the Magistrate, defendant replied that he lived at Tung Street (near "Paddy's Market") but his parents were in the interior.

His Worship: What were you doing down here when your parents are in the country?

Defendant: I came to look for work.

His Worship: To steal, I suppose you mean.

Mr. West of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was permitted to address the Court. He asked His Worship to take a very serious view of the case as the jewellery department had just been opened. If the firm was liable to have Chinese stealing in during the day and robbing from under the nose of an assistant, it would be a great incentive to others and what would happen at night? He, therefore, suggested an exemplary penalty.

After this His Worship passed sentence as stated.

## BOXING.

## EAST SURREY'S COMING TO HONGKONG.

A boxing tournament including weights from "fly" to "light-heavy," and shortly to be staged by the 1st East Surrey Regiment, to decide the champion company.

Preliminary bouts will be decided at Murray Barracks between May 5 and May 8; the semi-finals and finals will be held at the City Hall on Saturday, May 10.

Good boxing is assured as such well-known exponents of the art as Lt. Col. Major, Lt. Col. Barker, Lt. Col. Williamson, The Duke, Corporal Eades, Sergeant Warham and others will be among those in the ring.

At the Boxing Association's tournament last Saturday Major won his bout in the first round when his opponent gave in. Barker put up a fair show against Turner who was given a decision over (carded). Williamson won by the knockout. Eades gave a pretty exhibition in winning on points as did Warham. Eades was considered unfortunate in losing on points to Stehr Theodor.

For the preliminary rounds, entrance will be at Garden Road, tickets \$1 and 50 cents. At the City Hall, ringside seats will be \$2 and other seats \$1. Service men in uniform half price to all seats. Booking will be in the hands of the R.S.M., East Surrey Regt. after May 3.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Denison, and Mrs. Karsten Larsen, are passengers on the "Kamo Maru," which left yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. A. A. Clayton, Mr. J. M. de Figueiredo, and Mrs. T. Gibbison arrived in the Colony this morning by the "Empress of Asia."

The painfully sudden death of Mr. H. C. Westwood of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company on Easter Sunday night has caused much grief in many circles in Singapore. Mr. Westwood was at the Easter morning service, and went out to Tanjong Katong during the morning, and when stooping to pick up a card was taken ill and died soon after. The funeral was largely attended by members of the Telegraph Company, many beautiful wreaths being sent.

One of the youngest Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society, Mr. Belford Kinchant Featherstone, has just settled down to study law in the Temple after eight years' adventure in many parts of the globe. With his soft voice and leisurely manner, writes Mr. London in the *Daily Graphic*, he seemed more like a poet than a man who has explored the glacial regions of Little Tibet, tried to cross the impassable Mustang Pass—only attempted by three people, including Sir Francis Younghusband—travelled through Burma and Mandalay, and lived in Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking.

## ALLEGED THREATS.

## "ADVISED" TO WITHDRAW CHARGE.

## CINEMA MANAGER MENACED.

Persistent intimidation was alleged against two Chinese who stood before Mr. R. E. Liddell at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of threatening the assistant manager of the Sun Sun Cinema, West Point.

Outlining the case for the prosecution Detective Sub-Inspector Shaftan stated that on Friday last, defendants with others not in custody, suggested to a companion that as he was of affluent means, he should be able to pay over a sum of \$300, future trouble being hinted in the event of non-compliance.

Yesterday, complaint was made at a fruit-stall near his cinema when the prisoners and three others approached him again. Mr. Shaftan refused to allow them to enter, whereupon he blew his police whistle and prisoners were arrested. The others escaped. As late as last night, two men went to his home and "advised" him to withdraw the case. This had such an effect on him that he actually asked the inspector to drop the proceedings this morning, but the officer thought otherwise and assured him that he would be granted the necessary protection.

Under these circumstances, the Sub-Inspector asked for substantial bail. His Worship remanded the case for up to work and fixed bail in the sum of \$200 each.

## INDO-CHINA'S GOVERNOR.

## LEAVES HONGKONG TO-DAY FOR TOKYO.

The visit of M. Martial Merlin, Governor-General of French Indo-China to Hongkong was very short. M. Merlin, on his way to pay an official visit to Tokyo arrived by the s.s. "Andre Lebon" last night and left this morning at noon for Shanghai. The Governor was met on arrival by the French Consul-General, with whom he dined at the Consul's residence on the Peak last night.

Writing in the "Dépêche du Toulouse," M. Francis Durlet hopes that M. Merlin's visit to Japan will mark the end of the system of separate interests in the Far East, and that it will be the beginning of that co-operation that will be profitable to our prestige and our interest.

It is probable that on his return, M. Merlin will pay official calls at Shanghai and Hongkong.

## HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

During the week ending Saturday the following cases of notifiable diseases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health: 10 of small-pox (1 Hindu-Singalese and 9 Chinese); 6 deaths; 2 of diphtheria (1 Portuguese and 1 Chinese); 1 death; 2 of enteric fever (Chinese); 2 deaths; 4 of cerebro spinal fever (Chinese); 4 deaths. A British case of diphtheria was notified during the 24 hours ended the 26th instant.

## MISSING VALUABLES.

## MR. HAROLD CREASY'S LOSS.

When Mr. Harold T. Creasy left Ceylon to come here as Director of Public Works he arranged for some of his baggage to follow later. Among this was a case containing valuable silver, including wedding presents. When the case was opened by Mr. Creasy at his residence yesterday the valuables were found to be missing and in their place was some heavy rubbish.

## LOCAL RIALTO.

## NEW ASSOCIATION BEING FORMED.

## NOT LESS THAN 30 MEMBERS.

With the reissue of daily share quotations and the proposed formation of a new Society or Association the recent trouble may now have said to come to an end. The new organization will be known as the Hongkong Share and Real Estate Brokers Society with a minimum membership of thirty, each paying an entrance fee of \$100 and a monthly subscription of \$25. Whilst the Stock Exchange and Sharebrokers Association is likely to look askance at the intruders, the latter aver that within three months they will be doing business with "the little stranger."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LOST A DOG?

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I wonder if the owners of lost dogs realise that they may possibly find their pets at the Dogs' Home? When I visited the Home to-day there were several nice dogs, including an Irish terrier and a beautiful little Japanese Spaniel. The Home is at Bay View.

Yours etc,  
KAU TSAI.  
Hongkong, April 28.

## MOLLER SHIPS.

## INTERESTING SHANGHAI ECHO.

SHANGHAI, April 29.

In the British Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Eric Moller consented to judgment for Tls. 157,000 in favour of the Yangtze Insurance Co.

Defendant's counsel stated "The bringing of this action is a direct consequence of the commandeering of the ships of the Moller Company by the Hongkong Government. As Mr. Moller would not if he could, pass an act of indemnity relieving him of his liabilities on his behalf I consent to judgment. There is no dispute as to the amount."

Reuter.

## SMALL FIRES.

Yesterday afternoon, the Central Fire Brigade received a call to No. 16, Queen Victoria Street (near the market) where a part of the verandah was ablaze. In a few minutes the fire was extinguished and hardly any damage was done. It is believed that some old rag became ignited through contact with lighted incense-sticks.

Shortly after midnight last night another call was received from a house near the Wing On Co.'s premises—Nothing more than a chimney fire had caused the alarm so that the two motor engines finished their work in a few minutes.

The Steamboat company's s.s. "Lungshan" is in dock where a new coat of paint is being put on. She will resume the run on Thursday.

Having rendered meritorious service for years, the No. 1 fire engine (Merryweather motor) belonging to the local Fire Brigade, has been converted into a lorry. It has changed its entire appearance after a sojourn in the Kowloon locomotive shed and is now used in transporting stores.

## AWAY WITH CHITS.

## HOME PAPER'S STERN COMMENT.

The question of the expediency of the continuance of the chit system, which has been hallowed by long usage, every now and then is debated in Far Eastern ports and places; remarks the *China Express and Telegraph* (London.) Not long since it occupied the attention of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and again more recently Shanghai has been ventilating the subject. In days gone by, and with more or less fixed communities, the chit system was very convenient, and served its purpose well. The coming and going of the foreign community in the Far East is now very much greater, and, besides, there is a large population that only passes by. The times have greatly changed, and with them the advisability of many customs which, admirable as they undoubtedly were in their day, that day has passed. The number of a certain type of young man, who is not blessed because his chits are taken, has greatly increased. When business was spread over a long period, and there were no cables by which it could be settled, if not between sunrise and sundown, at least within a day or two, the chit was, as it were, a part of the system. But as now the larger business is put through with greater rapidity, so should the personal and individual indebtedness be completed at the time by a cash payment. There is also the moral side, and the temptation to extravagance on the part of the young man. If there was not a convenient compromise to meet the chits at the end of the month, there would be lacking the inducement to spend; ready cash has a singularly sobering effect on expenditure. Generally speaking, except for a limited number of sojourners in the Far East, it would be better that the chit system should be gradually eliminated from the day's proceedings. There would be a healthier position all round, and the effect of the abandonment of the habit should be that goods should be cheaper, because bad debts would be few or none, and the present position of those who paid would be better by the elimination of those who do not pay.

## CRICKET LEAGUE.

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

## WON BY ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Through the Navy 2nd XI deciding not to complete their three remaining fixtures in the second division of the Hongkong Cricket League, the junior championship is now settled, the winners being the Royal Engineers who have been at the top of the league table from the beginning of the season.

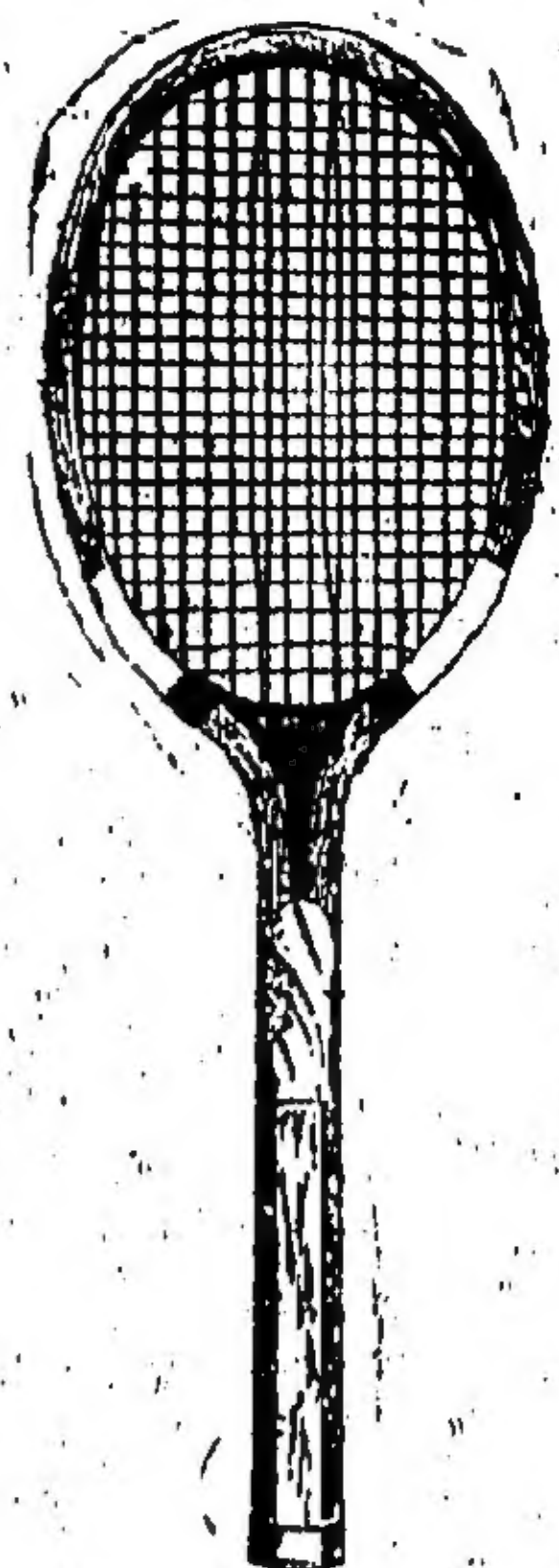
Thirty-nine points stand to the credit of the Sappers, their record reading played 16, won 12, lost 1 and drawn 3. The Navy second eleven have played thirteen matches and would have finished up on top if they had won the three remaining matches but even one draw would have put them out of the running. Still it would have been more interesting if they had played off the matches as they are the only team who have beaten the Sappers in a league match, the return fixture being left drawn.

Major Gandy, who made two centuries; tops the R. E. batting averages with an aggregate of 490 and an average of 35.00. Q.M.S. Jacob is first in their bowling, having taken 53 wickets at an average cost of 7.69 runs each.

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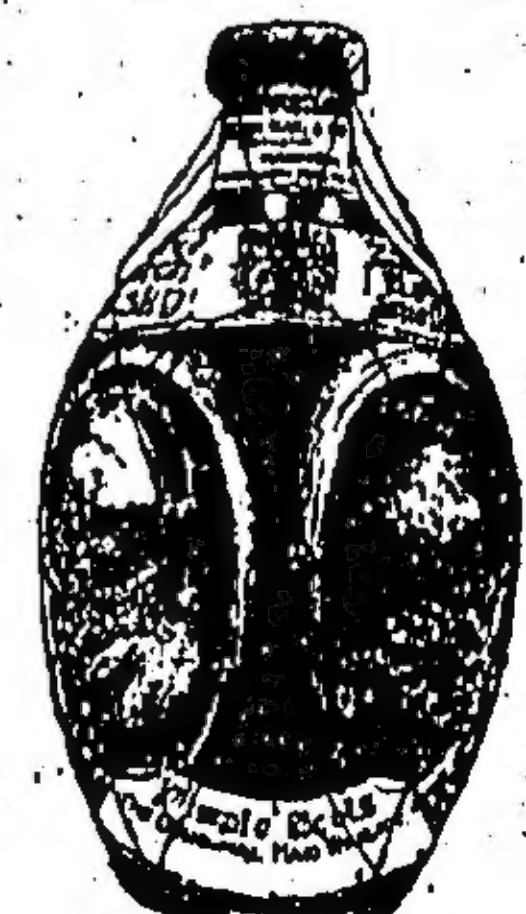
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"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	16th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,493	17th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,303	24th May	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	8,813	25th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,243	26th May	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	5,600	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,114	14th June	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,493	24th June	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	9,303	31st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,813	1st Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	8,243	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	5,600	15th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,114	22nd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	29th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,493	30th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,303	6th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	8,813	13th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,243	20th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	5,600	27th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,114	4th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	11th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,493	18th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
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"TANDA"	6,858	3rd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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"NAGPORE"	6,883	1st May	Shanghai & Kobe
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st May	Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,114	3rd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	5th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PLASSY"	7,493	10th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,303	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,813	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,243	21st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDAN"	5,600	24th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,114	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	31st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PLASSY"	7,493	6th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,303	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,813	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,243	18th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDAN"	5,600	21st June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,114	24th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	29th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PLASSY"	7,493	30th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,303	5th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,813	10th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"SOUDAN"	5,600	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,114	9th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

### UNITED STATES COTTON TRADE.

#### GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

LONDON, April 28.  
A gloomy account of the cotton trade in the United States was given by Mr. Bartlett, President of the New York Cotton Exchange, on his arrival at Liverpool from New York this morning. He said that New Year whilst the cotton boom was at its height the American mills took the bulk of American raw cotton. The boom had now gone and American manufacturers were overstocked with high priced goods, while the cotton goods from Britain were cheaper than the American owing to cheaper labour in Lancashire. It remains to be seen whether the new cotton crop which is expected to be large will ease the situation. —*Reuter.*

#### DUTCH BONDS.

New York, April 28.  
A banking syndicate is offering \$40,000,000 worth of 6 per cent Dutch Government bonds. —*Reuter's American Service.*

#### SILK.

Silk forwarded from here by "Empire of Russia" on April 3 arrived in New York on April 26, having been 23 days in transit.

#### COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, Manchester, reported as follows under date March 26:—

Cotton.—Prices of both sorts have lost about 1d on the week. Yarns.—Although rates are slightly easier, they have not followed the course of Cotton.

Cloth.—It is announced that 99.3 per cent of the spindles making American yarns are now on short time. There are only two mills which have not fallen in with the arrangement.

The result is that in spite of the fall in cotton, prices for yarns and cloth are well maintained. There are renewed reports from America that the industry in the U.S.A. is not enjoying any prosperity—buyers refuse to pay prices for cotton textiles based on the high rates demanded for cotton a couple of months ago.

The conclusion is again arrived at that the actual consumer will only pay a price for cotton textiles which bears a certain relation to alternative cloths of other materials. Above that rate he refuses to buy. Growers cannot expect spinners to continue marketing their fibre at a loss.

A steady miscellaneous business is still being booked. Overseas buyers, watching the prices of cotton and ignoring the firmness of yarns, make bids which are still far below Manchester.

India is buying odd lots for all markets, but a good weight of staple lines keeps just out of reach. China bids are generally too low. South America and the Near East are buying rather more than last week, but Java and the Straits remain out of the market.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for spot goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—  
Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 21 rough white \$13.50, No. 24 fine white \$14.81, No. 18 rough brown \$12.80, Java brown \$12.00.  
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long \$10.60, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.75.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—  
Sperry's XXX \$3.48, White Greens \$2.55, Nutmeg Orange \$2.60, Kingfisher \$2.81, Maize \$2.18, Big Gun \$2.70, Globe \$2.48, Old Mill \$2.48, Reindeer \$2.55, Melon \$2.52, White Rose \$2.48, C. & C. \$2.61, Dayton \$2.53, Banana \$2.48, Kwan Tao \$2.48, Blue Ribbon \$2.48, Mollise Fairy \$2.48.

#### COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 12 amounted to 92,050 tons and the sales during the period to 110,725 tons.

## SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Shanghai, April 25.—At the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, held to-day, the Chairman, Mr. F. R. Scott, announced that arrangements are being made to establish a Customs House at Pukow, and also that the Foreign Office has asked the Board of Trade to get the Merchant Shipping Act amended in order to rectify the position whereby a British limited company incorporated in China cannot own British ships.

Referring to extra-territoriality, the Chairman said that they had been successful in their opposition to the China Trade Mark Law on the two distinct issues involved: (1) Safety of their most valuable property; and (2) extra-territorial rights of foreigners in China. The safety of trade marks was threatened by the nature of the tribunals and the nature of the disputes. If the property represented by trade marks was the only kind involved, we should have felt obliged to fight tooth and nail, but we were more involved in two fundamental conditions under which foreigners live and trade in China being overridden by the law, namely that they were subject to the jurisdiction of their own courts, and have a right to be represented by our Consuls in the Chinese Courts. If this were allowed, there would be no saying where extra-territorial rights would next go by the board.

The Chairman thanked the other national Chambers, particularly the American, for standing by them in this fight.  
**SHANGHAI HARBOUR.**  
Referring to harbour improvement, the Chairman stated that it had been decided to increase the river police. The Chamber were also endeavouring to secure the proper dredging of the Soochow Creek, but were meeting with opposition from the Chinese. Mr. Palmer's inspection of the Yangtze

was, while disposing of the idea that the Yangtze can be conserved in order to make it available in all seasons for steamers drawing 15 feet, points to the possibility of very valuable work being done by the Yangtze River Commission. The Chamber were able to record success in their negotiations with the China Home Freight Conference regarding the refusal of space, the pre-war system of paying freight on delivered instead of the shipping weight, and also with the London Produce Brokers' Association regarding indications and reasons for allowances on the rejection of cargo.

#### IMPORTS.

Referring to the import trade, the Chairman said that most of the questions fell under the heading of taxation. The Chamber, backed by the British Legation, had vigorously protested against the illegal cigarette taxes, but the taxes would still be levied until some settlement is reached regarding the financial administration of the country as a whole. An opportunity for adjustment may arise in connection with the Customs surtax. They had urged a conference on this subject, to be preceded by the joint decision of the Powers regarding their policy towards China. At present the Powers do not appear to have any policy, and until they have a policy the Chamber is of the opinion that they should not come to a Surtax Conference. The Chamber had also succeeded in their negotiations with the Piece Goods Guild regarding the standard contract.

Referring to brigandage, the Chairman said it was not the Chamber's fault that the Linchong outrage had not been more speedily and more satisfactorily avenged. The Chamber's representations had contributed to the stationing of the reserve gunboat "Mantis" at Hankow, enabling wireless communication between Hankow and Chungking, and greatly increasing the sense of security of Britons in the Yangtze Valley. Referring to the Boxer indemnity, the Chairman said that nothing further can be done until Parliament has authorised its remission. —*Daily Bulletin.*

London, April 28.—In the English Football League, First Division. Burnley defeated Arsenal by 4 goals to 1. —*Reuter.*

According to a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Kobe, a party of 25, including 15 Japanese champions, en route to the Olympic Games, have departed on board the "Katori Maru." The athletes were given an enthusiastic send-off by over 1,000 school boys and girls.

London, April 28.—Following the breakdown of the Irish Boundary conference Mr. Thomas had a long interview at the Colonial Office to-day with Sir James Craig, and Mr. James Macneil, the High Commissioner for the Free State. Mr. Thomas is working almost continuously trying to find a solution of the difficulties. —*Reuter.*

#### MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Mentor" left Liverpool on Apr. 12 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Dairen and is due here on or about May 14.  
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The D. S. L. s.s. "Pres. Harrison" which is due at this port on May 26 sailed from New York at 4 p.m. on Apr. 3, on schedule.  
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TRINIDAD via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	FOUSHING	Wed.	30th Apr. 7 a.m.
ANTUNG via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	WOSANG	Fri.	2nd May 7 a.m.
Kobe via MOI	NAMANG	Sat.	3rd May 7 a.m.
MANILA	KUTSANG	Sat.	3rd May 11 a.m.
SANDAKAN	CHONGSHING	Sat.	3rd May 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	HINSANG	Sat.	3rd May 1 p.m.
TRINIDAD via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	WASHING	Sun.	4th May 7 a.m.
SWATOW via CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Wed.	7th May 7 a.m.
MANILA via AMOY	BUSANG	Wed.	7th May 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHO	LEISANG	Sun.	10th May 11 a.m.
BANGKOK via HOIHO	CHONGSHING	Fri.	16th May 10 a.m.
Kobe via SHANGHAI & MOI	FOUSHING	Tues.	20th May 10 a.m.

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Haiphong Line.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Hanoi both ways.  
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## LONDON LETTER.

VARIED ITEMS FROM THE HOMELAND.

### WOMEN AGAIN.

March 22. From early in the morning, women in dozens flocked to St. Stephen's Hall, many of them anxious to hear the debate on the Bill to secure equal franchise for men and women. The majority of them were Labour women, who had come from all corners of England and they all sent little green cards through to various members, and when the individual arrived, they told him "into a corner and begged for his support, making him promise that he would vote for the Bill. Outside the House more than a dozen women walked about with sundew boards bearing the words: "We want equal franchise with men." "We used to do it in the old days," said one, "so we don't mind doing it again."

**Missing.** The War Office is said to have lost 2,786 typewriters costing £20,000, 2,000 of which it was assumed were lost with the Expeditionary Force. I am informed however, that in the Stationery Office warehouse in South London there are over 1,000 typewriters. It is not clear if the Treasury know of their existence and the matter shows how money can be squandered without adequate control. That there is a loose system in checking stores in the Civil Service is proved by the fact that typewriters from one part of the department to another are often written down as lost. It has been suggested to me that £5,000,000 has been wasted since the war through inadequate checking and co-ordination between the Stationery Office and the departments.

### Alcohol.

Much that is interesting is contained in an enlarged and revised edition of "Alcohol: Its Action on the Human Organism" issued by the Stationery Office and which contains new evidence as supplied by recent research. Although alcohol is described in the report as a drug, it is not denied that it is a food in the sense of a fuel that the body can use. But the view that wines and beers are good for patients, in that they build up the constitution, is not held by modern medical men. Alcohol, for instance, is no more useful as a food than sugar or lard, which can be substituted for it. When wine aids towards recovery after illness it is chiefly because it makes the patient more contented, and improves the appetite for ordinary foods. The report says that the secret of the charm of alcohol is the sense it creates of careless well-being or of bodily and mental comfort. The bodily sensation is due to a flushing of the skin with blood that abolishes all sense of chill. It blunts the sensibility to small aches and pains. But the warning is that it blunts the faculty of self-criticism, which is the latest developed and highest faculty in man. It is the blunting of the critical side of self-awareness and the freeing of the emotions which give the convivial drinker the aspect and reality of a general excitement. This weakening of self-control is evident in every stage of drunkenness.

### Golf Ball Weight.

Hongkong Golfers should be interested in the situation which has arisen concerning the future of the golf ball. Mr. Anthony Spalding, writing in the "Star" recalls the fact that six months ago the St. Andrew's Club agreed to the United States Golf Association undertaking experiments with a ball lighter and larger than that usually used, with a view to lessening the length of the drive, but despite the apparent threat of a coming limitation, British manufacturers are working overtime to produce a ball which will increase the length of the drive. Although most players would have benefited by adding inches to their putt instead of yards to their drive, the fascination of hitting a long ball is both abiding and athletic. Duncan Mitchell is said to have driven a new "Silver King" ball, which is not yet on the market, a distance of 300 yards—a wonderful performance for winter time. The new ball has been tested and lead-

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S INTERESTING GAME.

All rugby enthusiasts will echo the wish which was freely expressed at yesterday's Rugby match on the K.C.F.C. ground between forces drawn from the Volunteers that it will be merely the first of a series between the sections of the force. The game was the result of a challenge issued by the M.I. at the dinner following the recent inspection and it is very much to be hoped that it will lead to others for some good football was seen and most of the faults were merely due to lack of practice and of team work.

A number of interpost players turned out and undoubtedly gave a stiffening to both sides. In the first half, the Rest had the better of matters and a rather lucky break away by Bowker who scored and converted gave them a five point lead which they maintained to the end in spite of pressure by the M.I. after the interval. The M.I. were held up a few feet from the line on several occasions and although due credit must be given to the Rest for their excellent defence it must be admitted that they were a little lucky in keeping their opponents out.

The teams were: Mounted Infantry: Back, Mills; Three-quarters, McKenzie, Palmer, Clerk, Armstrong; Halves, Morrison, Milne; Forwards, Adams, Moncrieff, Miller, Beveridge, Shaw, Brooks, Russell, Jones.

The Rest: Back, Prowse; Three-quarters, Skinner, Cleland, Easterbrook, Bridger; Halves, Bowker, Owen; Forwards, Ralston, Jordan, Groves, Lee, Nichols, Nicholson, Bagel, Logan.

Wellington, April 28.—It is officially reported that a number of guards have resumed duty, and are now running a restricted railway service.—*Reuter.*

New York, April 28.—Alekhine broke the world's record at blindfold chess yesterday when he played 20 opponents, and scored 16 wins, five draws and five losses. Except for a short interval, he played continuously for twelve hours.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ing amateurs and professionals are enthusiastic regarding its powers.

### Women's Intuition.

Women have gradually forced themselves into positions previously sacred to men. We have long since had our women medics, and women clerks, and now we are getting accustomed to women Carrestes, whilst the first woman has been admitted a Chartered accountant. We are familiar with women as Church organists, but so far no woman has yet occupied the organ loft of any of our Cathedrals. The day does not seem to be far distant when Cathedrals will know the woman organist. This thought occurred to me as I listened to the recital given by Miss Marjorie Renton at the American Women's Club. Miss Renton is a student of the Royal College of Music and included in her programme Lemare's Summer Sketches, and the movements from a Handel Concerto. She is an F. R. C. O.—a Cathedral organist in embryo.

### Listening-in Humours.

A London Sunday paper has been offering prizes for an account of the most amusing incident in connection with listening-in. Here are two of the incidents for which prizes have been given:—

"An elderly lady who had always scorned broadcasting was at last prevailed upon to listen-in. Timidly she took up a single phone. 'I am thy father's guest,' came a voice. 'Hamlet' was being broadcast. She dropped the phone in horror!"

"Friends were listening-in for the first time, and at supper one woman could not be persuaded to relinquish her headphones. As she was raising her glass to her lips she almost collapsed. 'Take those lips away,' came the title of the next song. 'They can see me,' she gasped."

## KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

TO BE OPENED DURING AUTUMN.  
LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

To form a Kowloon Golf Club was the unanimous decision reached at a meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the United Services Recreation Club, held at the Central British School, Kowloon, last evening. It was announced that the Government had reserved an area near Kowloon City for the construction of a nine hole course and was prepared to give \$5,000 towards the initial expenditure. The estimated cost of the construction of the course and a Club house is \$20,000, it being decided to raise debentures. There were between 60 and 70 present with Mr. T. F. Claxton in the chair.

Mr. Claxton said that when the United Service R.C. was informed that King's Park was no longer available for golf, a semi-public meeting was held in the Sanitary Board room to discuss the feasibility of obtaining a new course. At that meeting it was decided to ask the Government to reserve for a golf course an area near Kowloon City at present taken up by rifle ranges, and to make a grant of \$5,000 towards the lay-out. A Committee, consisting of representatives of the three clubs and other Kowloon residents, was appointed to take the preliminary steps and as a result of representations by the Committee, the Government agreed to make a temporary reservation at Kowloon City, which would include an area taken up at present by the rifle ranges and a certain amount of land in rectangular formation, which fitted in with the general layout of the district. It was possible that in a few years the ranges would no longer be required.

The Chairman said it must be clearly understood that the reservation was of a temporary nature and that if the population developed and the land was required for building purposes, the Club would not have the use of it. The Finance Committee of the Government had approved a grant of \$5,000 towards the lay-out of the course. The Government stipulated that an officer of the Public Works Department and an officer of the Garrison, to be nominated by the Government and Military authorities respectively, should be members of the Committee of the new Club. Mr. Claxton referred to the great interest Mr. Kynoch, Mr. McKay, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Murray had taken in the scheme, and the large amount of work done by Mr. W. Patterson, who had performed the duties of Hon. Secretary. Thanks were also due to Mr. R. A. Canidige who went over the course with them one Saturday afternoon and made several suggestions regarding the lay-out.

**A Limited Membership.** On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, it was decided to form a new Club. A further motion, submitted from the chair, that it be called the Kowloon Golf Club, was unanimously carried.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell's motion, seconded by the Chairman, that a limited liability company be formed in connection with the Club, was also approved. The Chairman proposed that the membership be limited to 250 and that the nucleus be drawn from the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the United Services Recreation Club. The golf sections of the Cricket and Bowling Clubs and 75 members from the United Services R.C. would form the nucleus and would be eligible for admission three months after the present date. All the other members would have to be elected.

Mr. J. Hyde enquired whether the Chairman's proposal embraced all members who played at King's Park and the Chairman's reply was in the affirmative.

Mr. Hyde seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

**Entrance Fee.** The Chairman suggested an entrance fee of \$10 with a subscription of \$3 a month, and in reply to questions said it would cost \$20,000 to lay out the course which would include the building of a Club house. The expenditure of \$5,000 would enable members to play over the course, but there would not be a great deal of comfort. It was the intention to raise \$20,000 by means of debentures, in addition to the grant of \$5,000.

On the matter of the Club house, Mr. Lindsell mentioned that the question had been formally discussed by the Committee, and it was agreed that it would be more satisfactory to build a permanent structure, costing, they hoped, not more than \$5,000, rather than put up a makeshift temporarily. He proposed a resolution to this effect, which was seconded by Mr. Burford and carried.

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## THOSE BUSES.

KOWLOON MAGISTRATE OFFERS ADVICE.

RACING ON NATHAN ROAD.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton had a busy time at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, advising, cautioning and reprimanding delinquent bus drivers. He had several criticisms to make also.

He suggested to Sgt. McWalters, in charge of the prosecutions for the police that the practice of towing for buses at the Kowloon ferry was dangerous and should be regulated. "I, myself," said Mr. Hamilton, "have nearly run down one or two of them. You might consider this point and recommend it to the C.S.D. when you are making improvements," added Mr. Hamilton.

Two bus drivers of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company were charged with reckless driving. It was stated by Sgt. McWalters that they were racing side by side on Nathan Road at 12.30 at night. He managed to stop one of them but the other got away.

The drivers' unanimous excuse was that they were hurrying back to the garage. In fining the drivers \$5 on each count, Mr. Hamilton remarked that at that time of the night they might easily have had an accident. If they wanted to drive buses in Kowloon they had to drive carefully.

Several bus drivers with clean records were cautioned. One charged with driving with a learner's license was told by the Magistrate that he could not drive a bus in Kowloon with a learner's license.

## PROPOSED EXHIBITION.

AUTHORITIES BIDDING THEIR TIME.

Mr. A. G. McClay of the Publicity Bureau, informs us that the suggestion to hold a local Exhibition has not been lost sight of. The organizers are biding their time and waiting for things generally in China to settle down. The suggestion is to hold an exhibition which will not be merely local but will also stock articles of a wide appeal.

Three Japanese delegates to the Geneva Convention have departed on board the "Katori Maru" states a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Kobe.

from the Government. It was proposed that the debentures be taken up as required.

Mr. A. C. Burford seconded the Chairman's proposal fixing the entrance fee at \$10 and the monthly subscription at \$3.

Mr. W. Goldenberg proposed that the entrance fee be \$15 and the monthly subscription \$3. Money was wanted to make a start. Mr. E. Abraham seconded but on being put to the meeting the amendment was lost, and the Chairman's resolution carried.

**Election of Officers.** The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. E. Cook; Vice-President: Mr. R. E. Lindsell; Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Patterson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. J. Jordan; Committee: Capt. Chippendale, Mr. T. F. Claxton (U.S.R.C.), Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. A. C. Burford (K.C.C.), Mr. W. McKay and Mr. G. W. Kynoch (K.B.G.C.). A member of the Public Works Department and a military representative will be nominated by the Government and Military authorities respectively.

Regarding the raising of capital, Mr. Lindsell said it was recommended that debentures be issued up to the amount of \$20,000, such issue to be made as and when necessary. It was not proposed to issue the \$20,000 at once, but make several calls. The debentures would bear interest at 6 per cent.

Mr. J. C. Fletcher proposed that the Club be authorized to raise \$20,000 by means of \$20 debentures at 6 per cent, and that a start be made with \$5,000.

An amendment submitted by Mr. Goldenberg that the money be raised by means of debentures as and when required was carried.

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## NAVY LEAGUE URGES CONTINUANCE.

## GENERAL MEETING.

## HISTORY AND DECLINE OF LOCAL BRANCH.

A copy of a telegram from the London office of the Navy League embodying an expression of opinion that the Home Government should be urged not to abandon the establishment of a Naval Base at Singapore, is to be circulated to all members of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League and with their approval sent home. This was decided at the poorly attended general meeting of the Navy League held at the City Hall last evening on the suggestion of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., who presided.

## THE LEAGUE'S CASE.

The Chairman said a cable had been received from the Head Office saying that they would be grateful for an expression of opinion from the branch regarding the abandonment of the Singapore Base scheme. On this subject he would read extracts from a communication on the subject received from the Head Office:

"At any given moment there are at least £180,000,000 worth of British trade afloat East of Suez, of which £157,000,000 are in what may be called the Singapore sphere of influence. From that area we drew 98 per cent. of our supplies of tea, 97 per cent. of our jute, 96 per cent. of our zinc ore, 90 per cent. of our rubber, 89 per cent. of our wool, 77 per cent. of our hemp, 63 per cent. of our rice, 57 per cent. of our tin, 52 per cent. of our cheese, 48 per cent. of our butter, and a large proportion of our frozen meat, oils for food, etc., and also many other necessary materials for peace or war. Every ship on the eastern trade makes an average five voyages in the Indian area alone and may be said to have an annual floating worth of over £800,000,000 which it is the business of the Navy to protect.

What the effect would be of leaving this vast trade unprotected we may see from the experience of the late War. "The Emden" in under two months sank 17 ships whose hulls and cargoes were valued at £2,200,000; the "Moewe" sank 22 ships on one cruise and 12 on another. This, too,

happened at a time when there was a large number of cruisers, not only British but also Japanese and French, guarding the trade routes.

## SOME POINTS AND FACTS.

Is the sum of £11,000,000, spread over a period of years, for the construction of the Singapore Base—which is equivalent to about one farthing per annum on the income tax—too great a premium to ask for the safeguarding of these vital Imperial interests?

"In a conflict in which the enemy has not only cruisers and submarines, but also a battle-fleet in the contested area, our light cruisers would be powerless to protect floating trade, unless they, in their turn, had the support of heavy ships, and they cannot have such support unless there is a base in that area where heavy ships can dock and repair and obtain the necessary stores. Expert naval opinion has selected Singapore as the best base for the purpose, since it closes the route to the West and flanks that to the Australasian Dominions. No other position can so completely meet the needs of a fleet operating in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and if Singapore is not made available, the fleet will have no base nearer than Malta, which means that it cannot operate in Eastern waters at all. Moreover, we must not look on the question narrowly as a matter of our seaborne trade alone. If the Royal Navy cannot operate in Eastern waters, the Australasian Dominions are left defenceless, an easy prey to the attack of any enemy possessed of a battle-fleet and bases within striking distance. The most profound belief in the goodwill of the Pacific Powers does not justify us in this act of desertion. Next to the 'golden link of the Crown,' the Navy is the strongest link in the ties which bind the Dominions to the Mother Country. Hitherto, it has sheltered them, more or less completely, from attack, even though its main strength has been thousands of miles away, because it has stood between them and the main force of a potential enemy. If the potential enemy be nearer to their doors than the protecting naval force, and if that protecting force be paralysed for lack of a base within covering distance, the most profound anxiety must be aroused in the minds of our fellow citizens overseas which no pious belief in the force of a good example will allay.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said this very forcible statement was one which commended itself to members and he thought they would in the interest of the Empire prefer a Naval Base at Singapore. The Chairman's suggestion that the members be circulated on the subject was seconded by Mr. McHutchison and adopted.

## THE YEAR'S WORK.

Referring to the branch's activities during the past year, the Chairman said it would be seen they started the year with a balance of \$330.62 in hand and the end of the year left them with a balance of \$193.30. They sent Home to the Head Office of the Navy League, during the year two sums—one of £30; the other £4.3d.—in payment of *The Navy* the official publication of the Navy League. In previous years this publication had been presented free, but owing to increasing costs, it was found necessary to charge for it. As a result of a successful Navy League Ball they sent home a sum of £339 15s. 7d. in aid of the dependants of those who died in the war.

## THE BRANCH'S ORIGIN.

Tracing the history of this branch of the Navy League, since its formation in the early '90's the Hon. Mr. Pollock gave an interesting account of the development of the Colony. Mr. Atwell Coxon was the first President and the late Mr. E. W. Mitchell hon. secretary. A few years afterwards Mr. Mitchell passed on the hon. secretaryship to him (Mr. Pollock) and he held the post for some years. At the time of the cession of the New Territories Commander Hastings, R.N., was President and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., the Vice-President while he (Mr. Pollock) was hon. secretary, and he thought it would interest many to be reminded that the reason why we got the New Territories ceded eventually was because it was considered—and this branch of the Navy League urged it very strongly before the authorities at Home—that this addition of territory was absolutely essential for the defence of the Colony.

Half of Lyceum Pass, went on the Chairman, was Chinese waters; the Channel Rocks, a well known mark for yachtsmen, were in Chinese waters; where there is now a considerable collection of tanks belonging to the Standard Oil Co. at Lai-chikok there was a Chinese Customs station and the boundary in Kowloon in those days was where the hundred foot road has since been driven. He referred to the flourishing gamb-

bling houses which used to attract Europeans and Chinese alike to Kowloon City and Shamshipo and the interesting time the police had in trying to check the gambling traffic across the harbour. He mentioned these facts as an old resident because he thought many who had come to the Colony more recently would be interested to know of the extraordinary state of affairs that prevailed in the days before the Colony took over the New Territories. Perhaps he should mention also the very interesting fact that the Navy League recommended that rather more territory should be taken over than was eventually granted—a strip of land extending to Mrs. Bay and the village of Sandun—but it was finally decided by the Boundary Commission to get a frontier perhaps which could more easily be looked after than the one the Navy League had suggested.

For some years after that the Hongkong branch of the Navy League continued to be a flourishing institution, with a membership of about 300 up to about the year 1906-7 and then things began to go rather to pieces. In 1912 a meeting was held, he thought, in St. Andrew's Hall. A big committee was appointed and it looked then as if the local branch of the Navy League might again become flourishing, but he was sorry to say that on his return to the Colony in 1913 not much progress had been made and the Branch at the outbreak of the war was not in active condition.

## GRADUAL DECLINE.

During the War, went on the Chairman, they had been indebted to various gentlemen in the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews—the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. E. A. M. Williams, and, more recently, Mr. Martin—and also to Mr. Whyte, the present hon. secretary and treasurer, for having, with his usual enthusiasm, taken up the question of reviving the local branch of the League, but he was sorry to say that they had at present only about 50 members. If they remembered that in the year 1905 the branch had a membership of 300 or 350, and that there were more Europeans in the Colony now than at that time, the position of the branch to-day was very unsatisfactory in a large port like Hongkong. He trusted that loyal and patriotic British subjects in the Colony would come forward and join at once. A fund of £100,000 was required in order to place the League in a sound financial position. The subscription to the local branch of the League was \$5 per annum and *The Navy*—the

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## OPEN DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL.

By defeating S. H. and S. D. Ismail in the semi-final round of the open doubles championship yesterday, Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa entered the final round in which they will meet H. D. and O. Rummah.

Play in the opening stages did not suggest that the match would go the full distance but after a shaky opening, the Ismails made a splendid effort. In the last set they fell away after making up leeway but they did not get their full share of the "pots" in the deciding games.

Choa backed up his formidable partner well and Ng was brilliant in the first two sets but his game fell away in the third and fourth sets. The Ismails were shaky at the start but they rose to the occasion and combined well, S. H. getting the bigger share of the honours.

Ng and Choa took the first two sets 6-2, 6-1, but they lost the third set 0-6 and the fourth 4-6 in which they were led throughout. Both pairs became very careful in the fifth set in which some good rallies were seen. The winners led 3-1, but the Ismails made it 3 all only to lose the next three games, giving the Chinese pair the set at 6-3.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Playing for the third time yesterday, R. M. Henderson met C. C. Stark in the Club Championship when Henderson won in three straight sets, the scores being 6-2, 8-6, 6-1.

## OPEN DOUBLES FINAL TO-MORROW.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, the final round in the open championship doubles of the H.K.C.C. tournament—Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa v. H. D. and O. Rummah—will be played to-morrow, weather permitting, on the standcourt at 4.30 p.m.

publication of the League—was \$2 per annum. He thought no British subject would have any difficulty in contributing that sum and he hoped those who were able would send something towards the endowment fund required for the head office.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—President: the Hon. Mr. F. H. Holyoak, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. L. M. Whyte and Committee: Messrs. E. F. Aucutt, F. A. Perry, W. A. Dowley, J. P. Warren and Lt.-Comdr. C. St. C. Ingham.

Before the meeting closed, a vote of thanks was extended to the Hon. Mr. Pollock.

## DRAMA AND COMEDY.

## CORONET'S EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

Entirely dissimilar in every other respect, the two main pictures in the Coronet Theatre's current programme are alike in this respect, that both are thoroughly entertaining. Which is the more popular it is hard to say, for if the one is received with rapt attention varied only by an occasional murmur of applause, the other is hailed with continuous merriment.

"Nomads of the North," as its name betokens, is a story of the great wilds where men roam free for love or fight. The leading role is taken by Lon Chaney, who instead of being the villain as he usually is in the movies, appears here as the hero—and a very engaging hero, too. Those who like their villains bad will find the one in "Nomads of the North" as odious as they could wish, while those who like their excitement strong will find their highest hopes surpassed in the great forest fire scene, possibly one of the biggest ever filmed. If "Nomads of the North" is a fine drama, "The Scarecrow" is a perfect comedy. Buster Keaton in the leading comedian included in the cast, and it has been well said that he could not, were he either Charlie Chaplin or Harold Lloyd, get more laughs than he does out of his capital fooling as the scarecrow.

## FOOTBALL.

## THE WEEK'S GAMES.

Wednesday, 5.30 p.m., at Kowloon:—Kowloon v. South China Athletic.

Saturday, 5 p.m., at Club ground:—Hongkong F.C. v. East Surrey Regt.

The game on the Club ground on Saturday will be in aid of local charities and it is hoped the public will roll up and support the Association for such a deserving cause. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the East Surrey Regiment, the Band will play both before the game and during the interval. Entrance fees to stand will be 50 cents for the covered and 25 cents for the uncovered.

## Kowloon's Team.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in their 1st division league match with South China to-morrow on the Kowloon ground, kick-off 5.00 p.m.:—A. Duncan, F. Wheeler, J. Morton, M. Howarth, J. McKelvie, H. G. K. Wheeler, K. Mason, H. Roberts, A. Latham, R. Nash and S. Hayes. Reserves: V. Hast, B. Rasmussen and W. Walls.

## KNOTTY PROBLEM.

## NEW YORK, April 28.

The *Daily Telegraph's* New York correspondent says that President Calvin Coolidge has intimated, in the plainest possible way, that he may veto the new immigration bill if the clause excluding Japanese is allowed to remain. The President has expressed the opinion that the knotty problem may be solved and the interest of California be protected by adopting some measure that will be acceptable to all parties concerned, without the danger of giving affront to any of them. It is understood that President Coolidge favours placing Japan together with other nations on the quota basis, based on the number of her nationals resident in the United States in 1890. This would, without discrimination, to all intent and purposes, exclude Japanese coolies. — *Reuter's American Service.*

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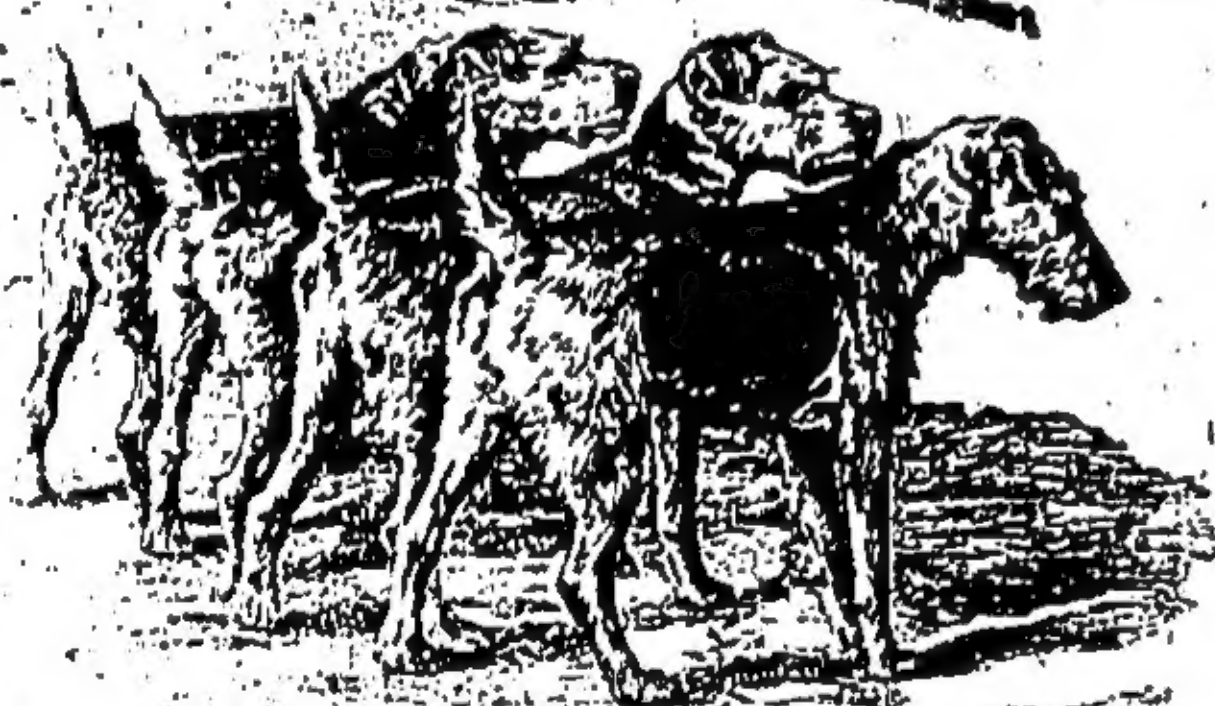
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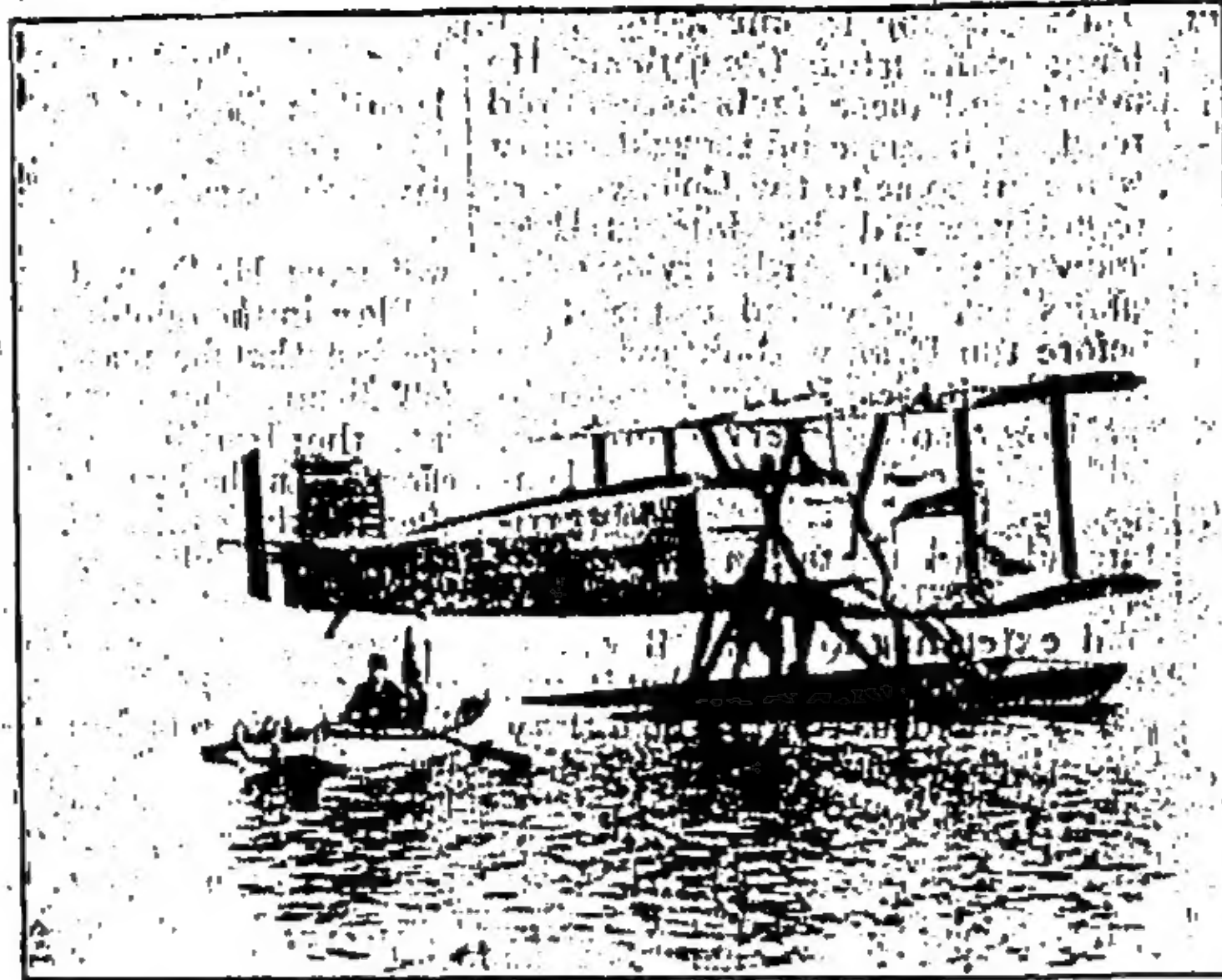
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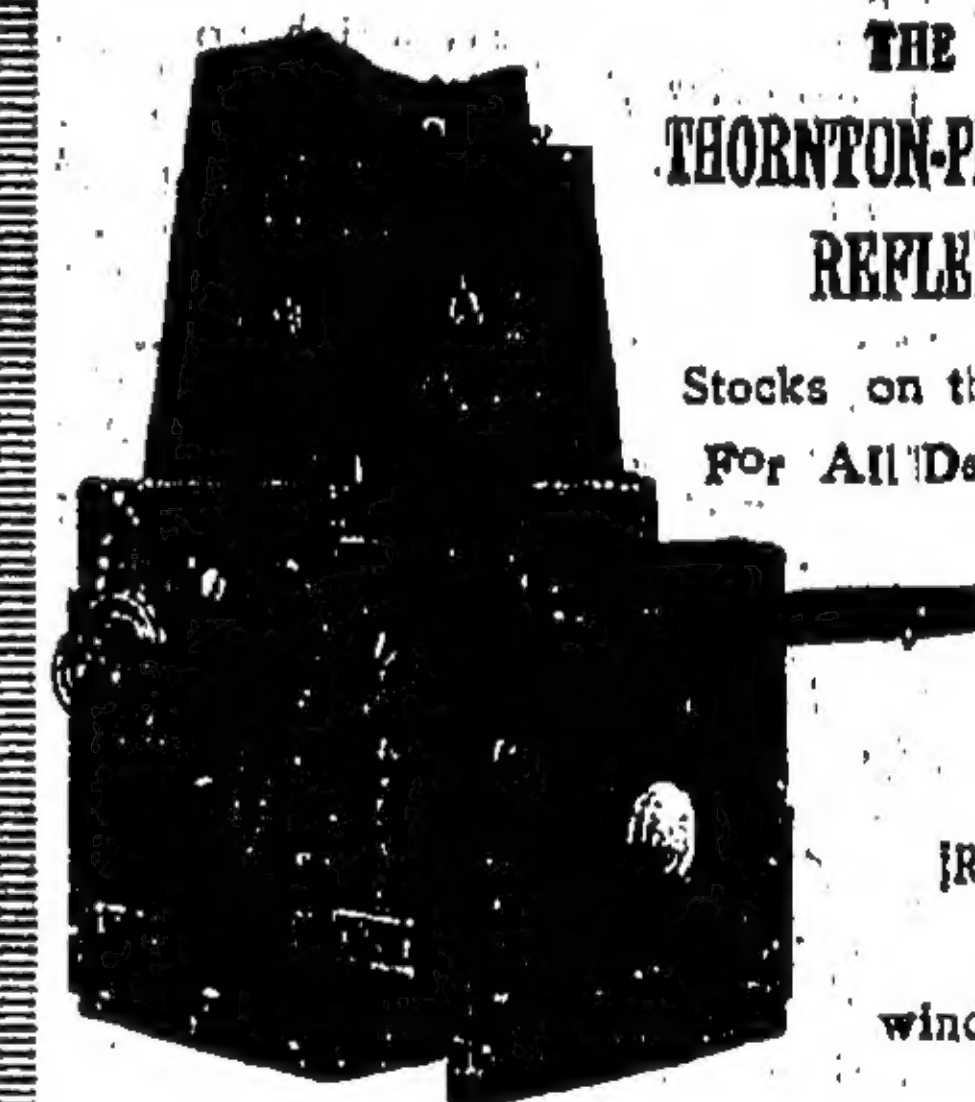
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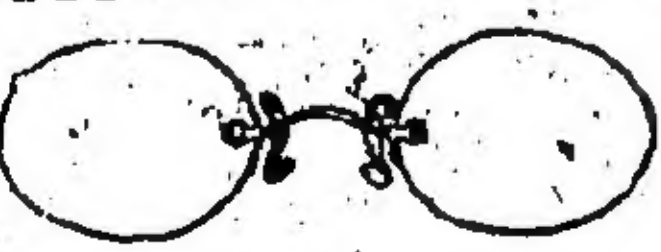
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Indo-China. It has increased slightly  
at Manila.

A depression has formed over  
the Yangtze Valley.  
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.70 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 11.98 inches,  
against an average of 11.43 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending  
noon on April 30, 1924.  
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veering to S. or S. W. moderate; fair  
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